

Update on Medicare private plans and review of past recommendations

ISSUE: This session covers trends in Medicare Advantage plan payments and enrollment for 2006 and access information for 2007. We will also review past recommendations by the Commission related to Medicare Advantage and Part D.

KEY POINTS: In this material, we review the issues surrounding past recommendations the Commission has made. We reiterate several recommendations dealing with Medicare Advantage and the Part D program as we enter the second year of the Part D program and the second year of the bidding system in Medicare Advantage. We provide an update on Medicare Advantage plan payment rates, and information on plan participation and beneficiary access to plans in 2006 and 2007.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments on the scope and substance of this analysis.

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